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LIFE AMONG EVER-GLADES OF FLORIDA

EARL DUTTON TELLS OF FIRST FEW DAYS IN SOUTHLAND

Earl Dutton who, with Tod Wilkes arrived in Florida December 19th, in a letter to his father Enos Dutton of this city, gives an interesting account of his first few days' impressions and experiences. It reads as follows:

Crystal River, Fla., Dec. 21, 1925
Dear Father and All:

We are located at Crystal River and are working on a big hotel at Momo-sassa, seven miles from here but have pavement all the way and it only takes a few minutes to drive it. We started at \$1.00 per hour with a chance of a raise. It has been quite rainy since we have been here altho it is warm. I am bare headed and perspiring, so you can see that the atmosphere is quite different from Northern Michigan. The kids about the streets are shooting fireworks to celebrate Christmas; you would think it was the 4th of July. It surely seems funny for December.

We got here last Saturday noon and went to work Tuesday noon. We had some drive thru the mountains of Kentucky and Tennessee. Todd (Wilkes) smashed three tenders of his car; he hit everything he saw. He is sure clumsy at first.

I got up one morning and took a boat before breakfast and went out on the river and I will bet I saw a truck load of fish and there was an alligator about four feet long, lying out in the sun next to the bank, but when he saw me he sure made things fly getting into the river, and he made straight for the weed bed and out of sight. We ran over a snake in the road that was about as big around as my arm at the shoulder. They call it a gopher snake. It was about five feet long.

I also saw the skin of a diamond back rattle that a fellow here had just killed. The skin was six feet long and twelve inches wide, and the rattlers were about as big around as my finger and about as long. It had 11 pairs.

They say there aren't many snakes here but when you do see one it is a real snake. The gopher snake that we ran over they say are a harmless kind.

The first Sunday we were here we met Doll Emory and her father (Wm. Emory of Roscommon) and we all got in Doll's car and drove to Tampa. We went thru large orange groves and grapefruit and tangerine groves,

cotton fields and peanut plantations and then we crossed the famous bridge on Tampa Bay, going to St. Petersburg. It is four and a half miles long and is a beautiful sight. I saw a whole school of porpoises and they roll up on top of the water and look as big as a horse. We drove thru one place where it was all peach trees as far as the eye could reach.

The country around here where we are is ninety per cent wild—a great deal like Northern Michigan, only is lower and water land; does not look as good as Michigan. The pine looks a lot like our Norway and they top it for turpentine. There are lots of palm trees and water oak. The camp grounds where we are camped are covered with water oak trees, and I will send you a picture of it.

I sent Marland (his son) a box of grapefruit and oranges today. The fruit cost 40 cents but it cost \$1.95 to send it, so it isn't any saving to buy fruit here and send it home, and besides it may be frozen when it gets there.

This is all the news for this time. Will write you again soon.

Good bye, love to all.
Your son,
Earl (Dutton)

FRANCES CORWIN WINS DOLL CONTEST

MUCH INTEREST SHOWN, RESULT DECIDED LAST HOUR

Much enthusiasm was manifest in the recent doll contest held at the Mac & Gidley store from November 28th to Christmas Eve at 10 o'clock, when a number of Grayling's younger generation of girls up to 13 years of age were contestants.

Miss Francis Jane Corwin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Corwin entered the race early and worked unceasingly for first place, which she won by a close margin. Miss Audrey Brado, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Brado, followed a close second. Christmas morning the prizes were awarded to the fifteen little girls who were most happy upon receiving one of the dolls, all of which were beauties. Following are the winners:

1st, Francis Corwin.
2nd, Audrey Brado.
3rd, Helen McLeod.
4th, Marie Buck.
5th, Tillie Cullen.
6th, Josephine Robarge.
7th, Joyce Smith.
8th, Betty DeFrain.
9th, Ruth St. Pierre.
10th, Margaret Kesseler.
11th, Vivian Dawson.
12th, Irla Wirtanen.
13th, Yvonne La Grow.
14th, Lela Gierke.
15th, Beverly Schaible.

Many fine compliments have been paid the Good Fellowship club and the Village Council for the beautiful tree; nearly 30 feet high, all electrically lighted with green and red lights and decorated in real Christmas fashion. It was a pretty and inspiring sight. The singing, which was under direction of Mrs. Clippert, who presided at the piano, was very much enjoyed by everyone. Later this group went to the hospital and other places where songs were sung.

There was a happy crowd of children in Grayling that night and Santa was kept busy shaking hands with many of the little ones. We are sure

The remains were sent to Grayling for burial Monday, services being held at the Danish Lutheran church. The church was in its Christmas attire and the candles on the Christmas trees were lighted after an impressive sermon by Rev. Kjolhede. The remains were accompanied to Grayling by Mr. Larsen and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Larsen and Rasmus Madsen of Johannesburg and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Madsen of Gaylord. There was a large congregation of old neighbors and friends of the family in attendance also.

The pupils of Frederic school did themselves proud when they presented a fine Christmas program Wednesday evening, Dec. 23rd.

The big school gymnasium was filled to capacity and the program is reported to have been to a considerable extent the most successful and interesting that has ever been presented by the school. Much credit for this success is due to the efforts of Supt. Payne and his teachers in the careful drilling given the pupils.

The program was exceptionally well rendered and fittingly concluded with a beautiful tableau by the girls of the High school, and the latter are deserving of special credit; all who were present claim it was very beautiful. The program as rendered was as follows:

Christmas Program

Song—Xmas Bells—Primary room

A Welcome—4th Graders

Papa's Darling—Catherine Ensign

Xmas Greetings—6 Primary Pupils

Song—O Jolly Old St. Nick

Intermediate Room

The Lookout Man—Beatrice Murphy

Dialogue in 2 acts,

Living the Xmas Spirit

(Several days are supposed to have elapsed between acts.)

A Letter to Saint Nick

Orville Murphy

Song—High School

Santa's Mistake—Doris Goshorn

Sanford Charron

Xmas Stockings—Ja Welsh

Marjorie Goshorn

Baby's Stocking—Shirley Corsaut

Outside—Ashley Short

Diplogue—Santa's Lost Boys

Second Graders

A Present for Santa—Maxine Sheldon

What Santa Calls Him—Floyd Ensign

Dialogue—A Xmas Arithmetic Lesson

Primary Pupils

Family Troubles—Helma Corsaut

A Possibility—Frank Gerin

Xmas Coon Song

Gram. Grade Pupils

A Xmas Tree Farm—Lloyd Highien

Signs of Xmas—Clara Hunter

Song—High School

Santa's Latest—Ida Thayer

A Present for Mama—Erla Barber

Hang Up the Baby's Stocking

Helen Badder

Good Night Song—Ferris Parsons

Ernest Richard

A Young Santa Claus

Fremont Ensign

Tableau—by High School



GENERAL DRUGS
C. WOLSEN PROP.
GRAYLING, MICH.

Tableau—by High School

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Happy New Year!

We hope that the new year will bring
—Happiness and Prosperity to
all the people of Grayling
and vicinity.

Let us all work together for Grayling
—the best little town in the best
State of the Union.



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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1925.

FREDERIC NEWS

George Sheldon has moved to town for the winter.

Supervisor Goshorn is advancing his fuel supply for the coming snow storms.

John Highien has been confined to his home for several days, suffering from a sprain caused from a fractured hip some years ago.

The Rev. Crandall and Prof. Payne are receiving great honor for conducting the most enjoyable Christmas exercises ever held at Frederic. Santa received a wonderful present also.

Charles Baddor's family were surely glad to get their freedom from chickenpox and enjoy the Christmas entertainments.

Yes, E. Highien admits he cannot play basketball, but he will go six rounds with any man in town with the padded mitts.

Mrs. Fred Hartman was quite ill Saturday and Sunday.

Set ball teams are feeling great pride after their double-header victories from Gaylord.

Don Sheldon and Don McCormick are enjoying the winter in Florida. See! Wish we were with 'em.

ELDORADO NUGGETS.

Miss Hester Hanson returned Monday after spending the holiday vacation with her parents in Marquette.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hartman left Saturday for Flint to be at the bedside of their son John W., who received serious injuries when the car in which he was riding collided with another which was backing out of a bay and showed no tail light.

Russell Stevens returned Saturday from Detroit where he and Mrs. Stevens spent Christmas with their parents and relatives. Mrs. Stevens will return later.

Low Miller left Saturday for Detroit and Ann Arbor where he will spend a week with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Ingerson spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Dave Knecht at Grayling.

Roy Griffin, contractor for the Mo stage line, has installed a new snowmobile, making his first regular trip over the route with it Monday.

Mrs. Fred Hartman was quite ill Saturday and Sunday.

LOVELLS NEWS.

The Christmas tree at Lovells was enjoyed by all. A program was given and Santa Claus was there as jolly as ever.

Rev. Rice of Big Rock was a caller home at West Branch for the holidays. Martha Stillwagon has returned home.

Loretta Kneipfle has gone to her home in the Arica-Arica plebiscite has been set for April 16 next, with January 15 as the date when the commission will pass on the electoral regulations and February 15 for registration.

The motion to set these dates was made by General Pershing, who represents President Coolidge, the arbiter in the dispute. It was supported by Senor Salomon of Peru.

Senor Augustin Edwards, Chilean representative, bitterly opposed the April date. He wanted February 1 set as the date for the plebiscite.

Lewis Stillwagon entertained his little friends Saturday afternoon in honor of his eighth birthday. It also being Ruth's birthday, the older folk gathered in the evening. Progressive pedro was played. Alfred Nephew and Mrs. A. Caid winning first prizes. Francis Nephew and Margaret Douglass won consolation prizes. After

lunch other games were played. Mrs. O. Shreve has gone to Canada.

G. Stillwagon made a trip to Gaylord.

HOUSE BODY FAVORS SEPARATE AIR UNIT

Would Have It Equal of the War and Navy Departments.

Washington.—The special house aircraft committee, headed by Representative Florian Lampert (Rep., Wis.), agreed upon the adoption of a report calling for a separate department of national defense which would abolish the War and Navy departments as such, but would not necessarily give the air service a footing of equal importance. The report further demands a definite air building program over a period of five years with an annual appropriation of \$20,000,000.

The committee also urges the creation of a bureau of civil aeronautics. Representative Reid (Rep., Ill.), counsel for Col. William Mitchell before the army court-martial, who is a member of the Lampert committee, will file a supplementary brief advocating a unified air service, such as championed by Colonel Mitchell.

In a reassuring report on the condition of aviation in the United States, the national advisory committee for aeronautics informed President Coolidge that America is at least abreast of other progressive nations in the technical development of aircraft for military purposes.

President Coolidge immediately transmitted the report to Congress with a letter in which he declared that the committee's opinion on America's aircraft standing, as compared with that of other nations, was the most authoritative that could be had.

Legislation creating a bureau of air navigation in the Department of Commerce for the purpose of aiding commercial navigation was urged by the committee and approved by President Coolidge.

S. H. Thompson Heads Farm Bureau Federation

Chicago.—S. H. Thompson, was elected head of the American Farm Bureau federation at the close of the organization's annual meeting at the Sherman hotel. Thompson defeated O. E. Bradt of Xenia, Ohio. By acclamation Mr. Thompson was elected unanimously. Mr. O'Neal, without opposition, was re-elected vice president of the federation. Mr. Thompson leads the group of farmers who are fighting for the enactment of a federal bill that will include the principles of the McNary-Haugen measure, rejected by Congress.

Tacna-Arica to Hold Plebiscite on April 15

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Mr. and Mrs. Edward Levall enjoyed having their son Joseph Levall and daughter Miss Mary with them over Christmas. The latter expects to spend the winter with her parents.

Miss Claribel Lovely returned Sunday night to Bay City after spending Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Lovely. Richard Lovely returned to Bay City Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wright and daughter Mary Jane arrived last Thursday morning to spend Christmas with Mrs. Wright's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Peck. Other guests at the Frank Peck home on Christmas were Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Hanselman and Dr. R. E. Goslow and mother. Mr. and Mrs. Wright and daughter returned to their home in Lansing Saturday.

The local Post office is deserving of special praise for the excellent manner in which the mail was handled during the Christmas rush. Mr. Bates and the clerks were right on the job every minute in order to see that every piece of mail was handled expeditiously and correctly. It was a big job and required indefatigable effort and at times the force was just about ready to drop from exhaustion. We are sure the patrons of the office appreciate the service rendered.

Chris King doesn't have to go away from home to discover "acres of diamonds" for right here in our very door yards he has found an unbounded opportunity for making money. For several years past he has been king of the berry buyers and now he is supplying the markets of Detroit, Chicago and other cities with ferns. Finding the ferns was an easy job, he said, but finding a market was a problem but he has this on a sound basis and it will make harvest time whenever the grounds are free from snow. He has orders aggregating three million ferns for the earliest possible delivery.

Subscribe for the Avalanche.

W. M. Reemer and relatives.

BANK MUNSEY DIES; LEFT \$40,000,000

New York Newspaper and Magazine Publisher Succumbs After Operation

New York.—Various estimates of the size of the late publisher, Frank Munsey's, fortune ranging from \$25,000 to \$40,000,000, were made by men conversant in a general way with his holdings. Mr. Munsey died of peritonitis, the result of appendicitis. He was seventy-one.

With few relatives to whom he could leave his wealth, the impression is that those closest to him in business life would inherit his enterprises, which constituted the major part of the fortune. His business interests, though not diversified, were large. His chief interest was the Frank A. Munsey company, of which he was president and virtually sole owner.

The Munsey company was the concern which published his magazines, the Munsey Magazine, the Argosy-All Story Weekly and Flynn's, a detective story magazine, which was brought out only a year ago.

Mr. Munsey's closest relation was a sister, Mrs. John M. Hyde, at present in St. Petersburg, Fla. A grand-

Invincible Air

"Well, man's conquest of the air is certainly an achievement," said Gushly.

"Yep. I s'pose it is," said his friend, Wetrug, "but the trouble about conquering the atmosphere is that the darned thing doesn't know when it is licked."

—Farm Life.

Might Have Been Worse

Dobbs.—The man in the next apartment isn't such a bad chap, after all. Hobbs—is that so?

Dobbs.—Yes. After he had awakened our baby last night with his saxophone he kept right on playing so I couldn't hear it crying.

Social Position Assured

"I hope this expulsion of ours isn't going to injure us socially," remarked Eve ruefully.

"Oh, I think not," returned Adam calmly. "Nothing of the sort can prevent us from heading the list of the first families, you know."

The Proper Care of Husbands

"So you let your husband carry a latchkey?"

"Oh, just to humor him. He likes to show it to his friends to let them see how independent he is—but it doesn't fit the door!"—The Passing Show (London).

SPEEDING PARTING GUEST



Hostess—Going so soon, Mr. Pstunge?

Mr. Pstunge—No, I'm not going for at least an hour, but I have to begin to start the engine of my second-hand car.

Left With Thorn

Talks about the roses
Where the light is born,
Where the darkness closes,
Leaves us with the thorn.

Best Time to Call

Bill Collector—Can you pay this little account today, sir?

Debtor—You call at such inconvenient times.

"Well, sir, what time would best suit you for me to call?"

"Oh, call when I'm out!"

Kindly Judge

"Thirty dollars fine for colliding. But how did it happen?"

"Your honor, I was trying to kiss the girl with me."

"Did you get the kiss?"

"No, sir."

"Make the fine \$10."

Vain Search

His Bride-Elect—You're so late we'll have to postpone our wedding.

The Bricklayer—It would have to be anyway. I've been hunting all over town for a union preacher and haven't found one yet.

Sticking It Out

Mrs. McFavish—You're as well as I am and able to be up!

Sandy—Na, na. I'm a sick mon till day after tomorrow. D'ya think I want to waste a half-bottle of medicine?

Comparison

"Cows have a strange look, almost as if they thought. But they don't. I have seen the same look on women's faces."—Copenhagen Berlingske Tidende.

Classified Ads

WANTED—HOUSEWORK.

Wife, L. Eashmun, Frederic, Mich.

GOOD HOME FOR SALE—CHEAP.

and on easy terms. Inquire at Avalanche Office. Phone 1112.

WANTED—TO RENT A PIANO

for the winter. Leave word at the Avalanche office.

FOR SALE—35 ACRE, CHAS. BLAIR

farm quarter mile west of Grayling.

Fine location on AuSable River.

Write Geo. McCullough, Grayling, Mich.

FOR SALE—STRICTLY FRESH EGGS.

Leave orders at the Shoppenagon Tea Room.

WANTED—TO BUY A SECOND-HAND SEWING MACHINE.

Must be in good condition. Ladies Aid of Michelson Memorial Church. Notify Mrs. L. J. Kraus.

FOR SALE—FOR BEST OFFER BEFORE JANUARY 30TH, 1926.

The N.E. 1/4 of N.W. 1/4 and the N.W. 1/4 of Sec. Eight Beaver Creek Township, Crawford Co., Michigan. Ed. B. French, St. Charles, Minn.

FOR SALE—CHAS. BLAIR PROPERTY

west of Lake street bridge on AuSable river, containing 35 acres and a good house, barn and garage. Inquire of Geo. McCullough, Grayling, Mich.

LOST—NOV. 6TH A HAND BAG

containing two medicine cases and two stethoscopes. Liberal reward to finder. Leave information at Avalanche office.

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WASHING AND IRONING WANTED.

Near South Side school. Mrs. Robbie.

FOR RENT—GOOD HOUSE NEAR South Side School. Inquire at Avalanche Office.

HOUSE FOR RENT—CLOSE TO Business section. Inquire at Avalanche Office.



Good Wishes for 1926

May it bring forth to you bounteous blessings and happiness and an abundance of prosperity. This is our sincere wish to the many patrons of this store.

You by your patronage, have helped to make our business a success. We are indeed grateful and extend our most sincere thanks.

Olaf Sorenson & Sons
PHONE 1054

Art and Religion

The finest souls find escape from life in art, the lowlier souls find escape in religion; when I say escape I mean hope of escape, for escape there is none.—George Moore.

Remove the Stains

When the glass oven door becomes black

Mac & Gidley

The Rexal Store

Happy New Year

We are glad of this opportunity to extend to our friends and patrons Greetings and best wishes for the new year—

1926

May Health, Happiness and Prosperity follow you throughout the 365 days.

Sincerely yours,
MAC & GIDLEY

LOCAL NEWS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1925.

Happy New Year to all.

Don't forget to write it "1926."

Harry Helper left on a business trip to Detroit Wednesday night.

Walter Buck came up from Detroit to visit his family over Christmas.

Good home for sale. Cheap and on easy terms. Inquire at Avalanche Office. Phone 1112.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kinnee of Gaylord are visiting the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Chappell.

Emerson Brown is home from Ypsilanti for the holidays visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Brown.

The Board of Supervisors will convene next Monday, Jan. 4th.

Edwin S. Chalker of Detroit is visiting his family over the holidays.

Emil Niederer has started to cut ice. It is about six inches thick.

Miss Angela Amborski visited at her home in Gaylord over Christmas.

Mrs. M. A. Atkinson and daughter Clara spent Christmas with relatives in Bay City.

Miss Lucilda Collen of Detroit is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George A. Collen.

Miss Mildred Bates returned this afternoon from Detroit, where she had spent a few days visiting Misses Virginia and Helen Bingham.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles McCullough are enjoying a visit from their daughter, Mrs. Spencer Holse, nee Ruth McCullough of Detroit over the holidays.

Mrs. Ralph Routier and son Ralph of Detroit are spending the holidays with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Bauman. Mr. Routier spent Christmas here.

Miss Christine Salling is home from Alma where she is teaching, for the holidays. The Spencer Mielstrup family, who were guests at the Salling home over Christmas, returned to their home in Detroit Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Green and children returned home Saturday from Detroit. Mr. Green who was injured some time ago in Detroit is able to be around with the aid of crutches and is recovering very nicely.

Miss Eleanore Schumann left Sunday night after spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Schumann, to spend the remainder of her vacation in Grand Rapids, Hastings and Grand Haven. She will return to Boyne City Sunday to resume her duties as teacher in the public schools.

Skiing is the popular out-door sport among our young people at present, and this region is ideal for that excellent recreation. It builds healthy and robust bodies and a complexion that cannot be equalled by the finest cosmetics. If you haven't tried this sport, now is the time to get a pair of skis and get onto one of our many hillsides.

Miss Francelia Failing of Detroit returned last night after spending Christmas with her father, Allen E. Failing. She was accompanied by Miss Margaret Phelps, daughter of S. S. Phelps, who spent several days here the guest of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. H. Hanson. Miss Margaret is a senior in the Southern High school in Detroit.

Miss Doris Cummins of Dean street was hostess at her home on Saturday afternoon, complimenting Mrs. Hardin C. Sweeney, who is from the east to spend some time with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Brink, before sailing with her husband, Captain Sweeney, January 5th for several years in the Philippine Islands.—Bay City Times-Tribune.

With no motive power until late Tuesday afternoon and then only at night it has been a most perplexing task to publish a newspaper this week and it was only by working late nights that we have been able to do so at all. It has been necessary to reduce typesetting and presswork to the minimum. We are very sorry to have to do this, but there seems to be no alternative. We don't like to ask our always willing and faithful employees to work New Year eve, and we don't believe our readers would want us to do so. We are promised full-time electric service again soon, which will be most welcome at the Avalanche office.

One of the loveliest of the holiday season affairs was a luncheon given by Mrs. Esbren Hanson to the ladies of the Bridge club Monday afternoon. The luncheon was served on a long table in the dining room and the decorations were in the beautiful Christmas reds and greens. The table was centered with a large bouquet of red roses while at each place were nut cups either shaped like snow balls or snow men, a bright red snapper containing a cap, and a miniature candle place card which marked the place for the fifteen guests. The afternoon was spent playing bridge, Mrs. E. A. Mason holding the highest score.

Christmas services at St. Mary's church at Midnight Christmas eve and Christmas morning were beautiful and both were very well attended. At the midnight mass there was a large crowd of not only Catholic people but those of other denominations as well. The music by the choir, which is always specially prepared on such an occasion, was especially rendered and as the music resounded throughout the church it left a deep impression upon the congregation. The altars of the church were beautiful with Christmas trees and pine twigs, and poinsettias were very artistically arranged, and with the lighted candelabra were very attractive. Rev. Fr. J. J. Culligan had a fine Christmas message for his parishioners, which impressed his congregation very much. There was a large number of communicants at both masses.

Mrs. Edward King of Flint is visiting relatives and friends here over New Years.

Mrs. Chas. Ewell and daughter Ila of Mackinaw City are visiting over New Year's with friends.

Miss Anna Nelson of Grand Rapids is spending the holidays visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Nelson.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Hughes and family entertained Mrs. Hughes' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sayve of Flint over Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Dorph had the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Ketzebeck of Detroit as their Christmas guests.

Miss Beatrice Trudo returned home Tuesday from Caro, where she spent about ten days visiting her brother Harvey and family.

Miss Janet and Farnum Matson returned to Detroit Sunday night after spending Christmas with their parents Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Matson.

Frank Whipple of Lansing was in Grayling over Christmas visiting his daughters Mrs. Russell Cripps and family and Miss Clara Whipple.

The regular meeting of the Ladies Aid society of Michelson Memorial church will be held Friday afternoon, January 8th. All members are urged to be present.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fitzgerald and wife of Grand Rapids visited at the home of Mrs. Fitzgerald's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Johnson over Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Brown had as their guests over Christmas Mr. and Mrs. Frank Woodruff and Miss Ruth Woodruff and Mr. Charles Loren of Bay City.

A "Maytag" electric washer dispels blue Mondays; means economy and comfort in the home. Easy terms. Inquire at Grayling Electric Co. offices, Cedar St. Phone 292.

Supt. and Mrs. B. E. Smith have as their guest over the holidays the former's sister, Miss Eva Smith of River Rouge where she is teacher of music in the public schools.

Miss Ona Lozon who is employed in Detroit visited over Christmas at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Lozon of Maple Forest. She returned to Detroit Wednesday night.

Mr. and Mr. John Brown of Chicago arrived Tuesday to be the guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Brown, over New Years. Roy Brown of Bay City visited his parents over Christmas.

Miss Christine Salling is home from Alma where she is teaching, for the holidays. The Spencer Mielstrup family, who were guests at the Salling home over Christmas, returned to their home in Detroit Tuesday.

The Sisters of Mercy at Mercy Hospital were the happy recipients of a lovely Christmas gift of an eight-tube Radiola, the donors of which were a number of individuals of Grayling. The Sisters are most grateful for the gift as is shown by the little personal notes of appreciation that have been received by each donor. The instrument was purchased of Frank X. Tetu.

Alva Roberts has sold his meat market to John Huber of Detroit, the latter taking possession Tuesday. Mr. Huber is an experienced market man and we are sure will conduct a first class place. He is German and has been in America less than a year. He says he will specialize in sausages and will offer the public some tempting products in that line. Mr. Roberts says he has not decided just what he will do in the future.

Hans Niederer of this city and Mrs. Alyne Harwood of Bay City were united in marriage Tuesday evening, December 23 by Justice O. P. Schumann at the residence of the latter. Miss Mildred Sherman and Thomas Regan witnessed the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Niederer left Thursday on a wedding trip to Bay City, Saginaw and other places. They are making their home in Grayling.

Mr. and Mrs. Einer Rasmussen and two daughters, Phyllis Jeanne and Betty Lou of Birmingham were guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Adam Gierke and Mr. and Mrs. Peter Rasmussen over Christmas. Also Mr. and Mrs. Leo Jambert of Detroit were guests at the Gierke home. Mr. Rasmussen and Mr. and Mrs. Jambert returned to their homes Sunday. Mrs. Rasmussen and children remaining until Wednesday, when they were accompanied by Mrs. Gierke on their return.

Dan McIntyre had an exciting time Monday afternoon when a team belonging to Tony Nelson broke thru the ice at School Section lake while scraping snow off the ice preparatory to cutting ice for Emil Niederer. Both horses were in the water for more than an hour before they could be extricated. Help was secured at the flooring factory and with the work of several men and a rope the animals were hauled out of the water. Little damage was done except for the loss of time.

William Hemmingson at Mercy Hospital received a lot of Christmas cheer from his friends, among which was a gift of \$500 from the members of Grayling Post American Legion. The fine sum was derived from a number of feather parties, part made up from the Legion fund and part received from the Thanksgiving party. The boys took a lot of pleasure in trying to raise the sum in an effort to make "Bill's" Christmas happy, and he was more than pleased with it. Also complimentary from the Post, Bill's membership in the organization for 1926 was a gift. Also the same courtesy was extended Curry Sheehey, who has been laid up with a severe infection in his left leg since last April, but who is getting along nicely and is able to be about with the aid of a cane. The members of the Legion are to be commended for this truly American spirit.

Mrs. Mose Laurant returned Tuesday from Cheboygan, where she was called the middle of last week by the critical illness of her mother, Mrs. L. Malafant, who passed away on Christmas night at 7:30 o'clock at the age of 81 years. She had been in excellent health when on Tuesday she suffered a stroke of paralysis and gradually grew weaker each day until the end came. The Malafant family resided in Grayling previous to 1897. Mrs. Malafant was a devout member of the Catholic church and her death brought to close a most useful and exemplary life. The funeral was held Monday morning at 9:30 o'clock from St. Charles church, Cheboygan. Those surviving besides Mrs. Laurant are three daughters and two sons, Mrs. S. E. Marsh of Ann Arbor; Mrs. William Devine, Mrs. J. E. Schley, Joseph and Fred Malafant, Cheboygan.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Milnes visited in Clare over Christmas, making the trip by motor.

Miss Anna Peterson of Gaylord visited at the home of her sister Mrs. Emil Niederer over Christmas.

Mrs. Marius Hanson who has been confined to her home for several weeks with illness, is improving.

Mrs. Andrew Larsen of Johannesburg is spending a few days here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hans Petersen.

Miss Mollie Johnson of Bay City is spending the holidays at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Johnson. Also Carl Johnson is home for the holidays.

A. M. Lewis has sold his drug store in Traverse City that he recently purchased and returned home to Grayling Tuesday. He says his plans for the future are indefinite.

Mr. and Mrs. Liland Smock and children and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Gannon and three children were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Smock of Frederic at dinner Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Bailey and daughter Janice and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hagle and children spent Christmas in Gaylord. Miss Janice remained for a few days the others returning home.

Miss Vella Hermann of Port Hope is spending the holidays at the home of her mother Mrs. Anna Hermann. Her sister Mrs. Ollie McLeod met her in Bay City Wednesday and accompanied her home.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Olson have as their guests over Christmas Mr. and Mrs. Lorne J. Douglas of Saginaw and Percy Failing, who is attending the U. of M. The latter returned to Ann Arbor Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilhelm Rae of Johannesburg and Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Sales of Detroit were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lars Nelson over Christmas. The latter also visited Mr. Sales' mother, Mrs. Flagg while here.

Mrs. A. J. Pearsall of Johannesburg is a patient at Grayling Mercy Hospital, where she underwent an operation for appendicitis last Thursday. She is getting along nicely. Mrs. Pearsall will be remembered as Miss Maisie Douglas.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Heric motored to East Tawas to spend Christmas with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Nielsen. The heavy snow of Christmas day necessitated that they leave their auto at that place and return home by rail.

The Sisters of Mercy at Mercy Hospital were the happy recipients of a lovely Christmas gift of an eight-tube Radiola, the donors of which were a number of individuals of Grayling. The Sisters are most grateful for the gift as is shown by the little personal notes of appreciation that have been received by each donor. The instrument was purchased of Frank X. Tetu.

Alva Roberts has sold his meat market to John Huber of Detroit, the latter taking possession Tuesday. Mr. Huber is an experienced market man and we are sure will conduct a first class place. He is German and has been in America less than a year. He says he will specialize in sausages and will offer the public some tempting products in that line. Mr. Roberts says he has not decided just what he will do in the future.

Miss Emma Peterson of Detroit visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Peterson and other relatives over Christmas.

Misses Bernadette and Margaret Cassidy returned to Grand Rapids Sunday night after spending Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cassidy. Miss Hazel Cassidy accompanied them to spend the week in Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Friedman and daughter Dorothy of Grand Rapids, Mrs. Samuel Pollock and daughter, Arline and Mrs. Wilfred Cohen of Detroit were guests at the home of Mrs. A. Kraus over Christmas.

The housewarming offer that has been made by Grayling Electric Co. will be extended for a short time only. Anyone wishing to have their homes wired should take advantage of this opportunity. Call or phone the Grayling Electric Co., No. 292.

Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Reagan were Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Johnston, daughter, Miss Irene and son Lewis of Bay City and Miss Beaute Malafant of Cheboygan. Miss Eileen Skinner of Detroit is a guest in their home over New Year's.

The ladies and gentlemen of the Bridge club enjoyed a delightful Christmas dinner at Shoppenagon Inn Saturday evening. The guests were served at one long table which was decorated with tall red candles placed at intervals through the center of the table between which were poinsettias and holly. Dr. and Mrs. C. G. Clippert opened their home to the guests for the remainder of the evening, when six tables were filled for bridge. The house was very attractive with Christmas bells, a brilliant Christmas tree and lighted tapers. Miss Lucile Hanson and A. E. Mason held the high scores.

The weather has been so ideal the last few days that many of the young people have been spending most of their time skiing and skating. Monday evening, T. W. Hanson entertained with a sleigh ride party in honor of his daughter, Miss Virginia. The party left town in the sleigh at about 7:30 o'clock. When they reached Collier's Inn at Lake Margrethe it didn't take long for the guests to scramble out and try their skill with skis. The hill was in fine shape and from the shouts and laughter, one might know that all were having a wonderful time. About 9:30 hot refreshments were enjoyed in the pavilion. After dancing, the gang climbed back into the bob sleigh and hit the trail for home, all having had a fine time at Virginia's party.

At a special meeting December 29th of the Township Board of Grayling township requests from two property owners were received asking that their property be set aside from school district No. 4 and be added to district No. 5. District No. 4 is generally known as the Wakeley district and No. 5 as the Feldhauser district. The Board, on motion, deferred the matter until a meeting could be held some time early next spring at one of the school houses in the districts effected, when all property owners residing in those districts will be invited to attend. It appears that in school district No. 4 that there are but two children of school age and the property valuation is low, and that some of the tax payers there feel that it is a burden to continue the school under existing conditions and would effect some change that may assure economy and still not impair the school efficiency.

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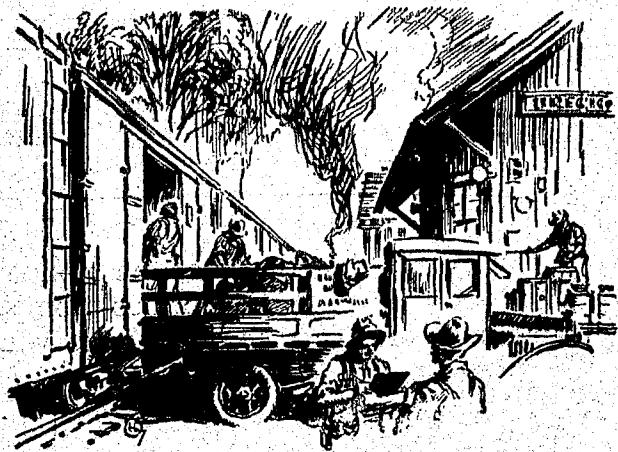
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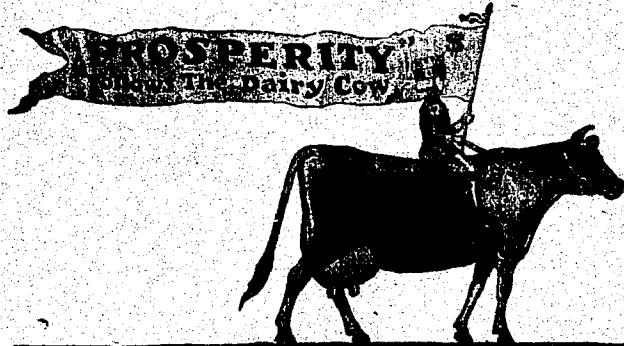
MICHIGAN CENTRAL

Farm Bureau Notes

R. D. BAILEY

County A

Agent



"At the head of all the sciences and arts; at the head of all civilization and progress, stands, not militarism, the science that kills; not commerce, the art that accumulates wealth—but agriculture, the mother of all industry, and the maintainer of life."

President James A. Garfield

All Hail and Good Cheer!

The old year closes; the new begins. We farmer folks have much of our future comfort, prosperity and happiness in our hands. Things will be as largely as our mind's attitude is. I am convinced of the truth of what

Ella Wheeler Wilcox says in "The Formula of Success": "One ship drives east, and another drives west, With the self-same wind that blows. 'Tis the set of the SAILS, and not the gales,

Which tells us the way they go,

"Like the waves of the sea are the ways of fate,

As we voyage along through life,

"Tis the SET of the SOUL which decides the goal,

And not the calm or the strife."

Can Hail Our Way Out?

No matter where we are located in

Hit Your Finger Nail With a Hammer



and it will take NATURE just SIX MONTHS TO GROW A NEW NAIL to replace the injured one. 'TIS THE SAME USUALLY WITH BODILY ILLS; with proper care and less worry, and THE AID OF A SIMPLE HERBAL TONIC, NATURE will do HER part in renewing and rebuilding WORN-OUT, INACTIVE, ABUSED FUNCTIONS.

If you want to feel the thrill of feeling well, happy and strong, commence taking "INDU" today. You have read the praises day by day of your own townspeople (not people living in distant cities, and who may not exist), but your friends and neighbors.

GIVE "INDU" TO YOUR CHILDREN, TAKE "INDU" YOURSELF, SEND "INDU" TO A SICK RELATIVE OR FRIEND OUT-OF-TOWN.

"Stick to "Indu" For Your Health's Sake"

Take INDU to overcome the condition that causes aching limbs, bilious headaches, backache and side-ache, bowel troubles, catarrh, lagrime, dyspepsia, neuralgia of head or body, nervous headache, hysteria, indigestion, sleeplessness, lumbago, melancholia, rheumatism, vomiting spells and worry. These are all conditions resulting from functional disorders. INDU is a prominent physician's pet prescription for the above. Purely herbal-non-alcoholic. \$1.00 per bottle, six bottles for \$5.00. Sold only by Mac & Gidley. The famous Indu Iron Tablets, 25c per package. Sent anywhere upon receipt of price.

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the county; no matter how near the bottom of the ladder, we can hew our way out if we want to work hard enough.

The man who can't get his mind off for large well-fenced fields can get them.

The man who sees, in his imagination day after day a good barn, filled with choice cattle, with plenty to feed them, is soon going to have that barn and those cattle.

The man who can't get his mind off for good fields, good barn, filled with good cattle, set off by a neat house and pretty door yard can and will attain them, if he has the spunk to go after them.

A good living, in a well-furnished home, in an attractive house, set off by a pretty doorway, from which the family can feast their eyes on orchard, grove, and on broad fields, dotted with choice, profitable cattle is within the reach of every farm family that has the intense vision, the unquenchable yearning, the "win or die" determination to have such.

God does not play favorites to let one family have a nice, attractive, prosperous farm home, and condemn another family on the same section of land to poverty, tumble down buildings, scrub cattle, a barren home and an empty life.

In the great scheme of life there is enough beauty, happiness and abundance for all, if we arouse ourselves and reach out and take these things.

These things must first be in the mind.

Led on and strengthened, day by day, by the burning vision of these good things that we passionately want and will almost starve if we do not have, they are attainable by each and every family who have the vision, the intense yearning, and the grit and spunk to follow the vision.

The writer can point to many cases to prove the truth of the above assertions, and will be glad to do so in private conversation.

To some the steps of progress are begun by making poultry a larger and a real business.

To others through market gardening.

To others, through a strawberry bed.

To others, through a larger and better bunch of cows, obtained by better breeding, purchase, or both.

To others, by spraying the orchard.

To others by determining to be more open minded; to take in and use better information and method heretofore ignored or scorned.

To others, by shaking off old habits of mind and body, and rising from the ashes of the old to a newer and better manhood.

To attain these better things, one must first want them desperately, day and night, see himself possessing and using them, and be ready to follow the guiding star of his hope relentlessly, never taking his eye from it, willing to endure all things to attain it.

One may have to double or treble his butter customers.

Another may have to improve the quality of his butter, and his care in feeding, and in handling the milk.

Another may have to buy lime.

Another may have to buy alfalfa.

Another may have to keep bees.

Another may simply need to become a better manager of the things he has—less slack.

Another may win summer success by winter planning.

Another may get just the suggestion he needs by a talk with the County agent who has probably been studying that very farm and family, and has likely made up his mind what is the matter there.

The first law of gain is desire.

The formula for Success is Believe.

You who read this, have seen men accomplish the seemingly impossible. You have wondered "What is the power that gives new life to their dying ambitions, that gives them a new start on the road to success?"

That Power is Belief—Faith.

Someons, something, gave them a new belief in themselves, and a new faith in their power to win, and they leaped ahead and wrested success from seemingly certain defeat.

Confidence is the mother of success, whether in a prize fight or in winning a fine farm home.

You can do anything you think you can.

You set your own limit.

Common ability coupled with undying grit and spunk has accomplished and can again accomplish, unbelievable things, right here, and now.

Let's not talk or think any more about being born to poverty, or about "We must creep before we can walk," or "No Chance," or "The world is against us."

We may have to "Creep before we walk," but we do not need to creep all our lives. There is a time to walk, and this is many times as long as our creeping time.

Plan. The more mind does, the more it can do.

If you think you are beaten, you are.

If you think you dare not, you don't.

If you'd like to win, but you think you can't it's a cinch you won't.

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